THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) ONGC charter hires Indian Flag Vessels from Indian Shipping Companies and these OSVs are since operating in accordance with the formula known as the Director General Shipping Formula approved by Government of India. ONGC also charter hires OSVs from the open market through International Competitive Bidding on the basis of day charter rates on a need basis.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of gas from ONGC to Trombay Thermal Power Station

1241. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a committed quantity of 1.5 MMSCMD of gas for supply from ONGC to Trombay Thermal Power Station of Tata Electric Companies;

(b) if so how long this committed quantity was maintained to this power station;

(c) what has been the quantity of gas supplied during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(d) whether it was cut down to 0.5 MMSCMD at any time? if so, the reasons for the same; and

(e) whether Government are aware of the impact of reduction in supply of gas to Trombay Power Station on the stability of the power to the city of Bombay and what actions are being taken by Government to ensure the supply of committed quantity of gas to the power station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average annual supply was above 1.5 MMSCMD upto 1992-93.

(c) 1992-93 . . . 1.58 MMSCMD
1993-94 . . . 1.15 MMSCMD

(d) The commitment was reduced to 0.5 MMSCMD from June 1992 to September 1994 on account of reduced availability of gas.

(e) The average supply during April-November 1994 has been above 1.5 MMSCMD.

Agreement between Damania Airways and IOC

1242. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Damania Airways, the private airlines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for the import and handling of aviation turbine fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, and